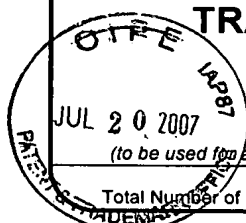


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This paper is filed in response to the Official action of April 18, 2007. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejection, which is based on JP 2001-089990 and Legge U.S. Patent 4781967.

As mentioned previously in our request to reopen prosecution, JP 2001-089990 teaches the use of nylon without mentioning any of the more hydrophilic fibers (vinylon, rayon, cotton, and wool) specified in claim 1, as amended. Moreover, the alternative to nylon that is mentioned in the Japanese reference, PTFE ("TEFLON") is clearly on the hydrophobic side relative to nylon.

As noted by the Examiner, Legge describes cotton, wool, and various other materials such as vinyl polymers, as alternatives to nylon for use in supporting yarn assemblies in a papermaking press felt (Legge, column 3, lines 17-41). The same materials are also mentioned as suitable for the fibrous